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RE:

SRP's application to expand its Santan Generating Station

Siting Committee Case No. 105

Arizona Corporation Commission Docket Control

Dear Mr. Bullis:

As one of the East Valley's oldest and largest automobile dealers, Berge Ford is well aware that our region's robust economy depends on maintaining an up-to-date set of essential services and resources, including electric power generation and delivery. In this regard, we firmly support SRP's plans for expanding power production at its Santan Generating Station in the Town of Gilbert.

In reviewing SRP's plans, we are convinced that the additional generating capacity will quickly be needed to serve the East Valley's rapidly expanding economy. The proposed Santan Expansion Project appears to offer the best means to fill a growing gap in power demand and supply, with the least environment impact. It also appears that SRP has engaged in a thorough public process to develop a publicly acceptable plan for its project.

Berge Ford has been serving the East Valley area since 1944, and we know that this Valley is totally dependent on its power and water supply. SRP has provided these resources very ably for many years. We need this power.

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Re: Concerning SRP's application to expand its Santan Generating Station; Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee Case No. 105

Dear Mr. Bullis:

As one of the Southwest's largest producers of road surfacing products and a major consumer of electricity, Vulcan Materials Inc. strongly supports SRP's plans for building additional generating capacity at its Santan Generating Station in Gilbert. In this regard, we would request that this letter be made part of the formal docket on SRP's Santan application.

The addition of 825-megawatts of generating capacity to SRP's Santan facility in Gilbert and 250-megawatts at SRP's Kyrene plant in south Tempe will be essential to meeting escalating power demands in the southeast Valley over the next five- to 10 years. Without these resources, it is clear that electric demands will soon exceed supplies, putting large segments of SRP's customer base at risk of outages, economic losses and potential volatility in the future price of electricity.

As you are know, California's severe shortages of generating resources have resulted in curtailed supplies this summer, with attendant blackout, brownouts and doubling of electric prices the San Diego area. At one of our plants in Mission Valley, Vulcan Materials experienced a \$178,000 increase in our monthly electric bill. This kind of economic damage cannot be allowed to occur in Arizona. We urge the Siting Committee to render a favorable decision on SRP's Santan Expansion Project.

Vulcan Materials Company, the largest Rock & Sand producer in the United States with 7 operating locations in Phoenix, is very concerned about the economic conditions in all of its operating properties. Expansion to carry the continuing growth is essential for strong economy.

Area Operations Manager AZ/NM

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Paul A. Bullis, Chairman Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee Office of the Attorney General 1275 West Washington Phoenix. AZ 85007-2926

Dear Mr. Bullis:

We are members of the Santan Community Working Group (CWG).

This group has been meeting since November 1999 and has carefully examined SRP's plan to expand its Santan Power Plant to allow for additional generation capacity. During these many months, the group has received information regarding SRP's needs for additional generation as well as the air quality, water, aesthetics and other environmental impacts of the proposed expansion.

It has come to our attention that Ms. Cathy D. Duplissa-Lopez has indicated that she will represent the Santan Community Working Group at the Santan CEC Hearing scheduled for September 14, 2000 before the Siting Committee.

We thought it was important to clarify for the Siting Committee that Ms. Lopez does not represent the opinions of the undersigned members of the group nor those of the Santan Community Working Group as a whole.

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Sincerely,

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7 September 2000

Attn: Mr. Paul Bullis Chairman Arizona Power Plant & Transmission Line Siting Committee c/o Docket Control 1200 W. Washington Phoenix, AZ 85007

Subject: SRP's application to expand its Santan Generating Station in the Town of

Gilbert

Reference: State Power Plant & Transmission Line Siting Committee, Case No. 105

Dear Mr. Bullis:

As a manufacturer of advanced satellite components and a major employer in the Town of Gilbert, Spectrum Astro concurs with the Gilbert Chamber of Commerce's position in support of SRP's Santan Expansion Project.

The additional power generating capacity, we believe, will be necessary to maintaining reliable power deliveries to East Valley communities as electric demand continues to increase over the coming years. SRP's plans for building a natural-gas fired facility at its existing Santan site would appear to utilize the best available environmental technology to meet the energy needs of local businesses and residents. We would, therefore, encourage the Siting Committee to approve SRP's application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility to build the Santan Expansion Project.

Spectrum Astro is a rapidly growing high technology aerospace manufacturer, which employs 450 people at its East Valley location. We are currently laying the groundwork for our new 80 acre campus where we will build up to one million square feet of new office and manufacturing space over the next 20 years. Our initial phase to begin this fall will be 270 thousand square feet and requires six megawatts of power at peak load. Thus, we believe it is critical that SRP continues to build capacity to meet the growth needs in the East Valley. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

for . W. David Thompson

President and CEO

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Chairman Paul Bullis Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee c/o Docket Control 1200 West Washington Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: In support of SRP's application to expand its Santan Generating Station; Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee Case No. 105

Dear Mr. Bullis:

As a ten-year Governing Board member of the Gilbert Unified School District, a resident of the Town of Gilbert for 17 years, and a member of a family which homesteaded in the area during the early part of the 20th Century, I find three compelling reasons to endorse the Salt River Project's proposal for expanding its Santan Generating Station near the intersection of Val Vista Drive and Warner Road:

First, the growth of my community for the past 30 years has been among the fastest in Maricopa County and the nation. (As U. S. Census figures attest, Gilbert's population has expanded from 1,971 people in 1970 to 29,188 in 1990 to a current population estimated at 108,000.) The original Santan plant came on line in 1972 and was surrounded by row-irrigated farm fields. Homes and commercial users have encroached everywhere, causing a huge and growing demand for electric power;

Second, the Gilbert Unified School District, with 30,000 students enrolled this fall, now ranks as the fifth largest in the state. Like other growing districts adjacent to us, we depend on reliable electricity to power our classrooms, computers, business operations, and overall educational mission. We cannot afford a situation like that in San Diego where inadequate power resources have exposed the entire community to repeated outages and radical increases in electric rates;

Third, SRP has nearly a 100-year reputation for serving its customers and communities reliably, competently, and well. In pursuing its Santan plans, SRP conducted an extensive public outreach program and invited citizens to help formulate the proposed plant's design and environmental aspects. I am aware a small, vocal minority has taken a "not-in-my-backyard" position against SRP's proposed Santan expansion. Their narrow position will not serve the interests of the larger Gilbert community as it grows into its future.

Sincerely, Daine L. Morrison

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Arizona Corporation Commission Mr. Paul Bullis Chairman Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee 1200 W. Washington Street Phoenix AZ 85007

RE: I SUPPORT THE SANTAN EXPANSION PROJECT

Dear Mr. Bullis,

My name is Barbara Sheldon. I live at 716 W. Dublin Street in Gilbert Arizona. I served on the Community Work Group (CWG) for the SRP Santan Expansion Project. While I do not represent the CWG, nor do I feel any member has the authority to represent the opinion of that group as a whole, my experience of serving on the CWG has allowed me to become well educated in all aspects of this proposal and I would like to express support for the expansion.

I am writing to request the opportunity to make a limited appearance before the Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee at the Santan Expansion hearing on September 14, 2000.

I would like to relay to the committee that my husband and I recently found a home with a floor plan that precisely met the requirements we had long been seeking as our "last home". Incidentally, the home that we purchased is approximately equal distant from the plant as our previous home in Cottonwoods Crossing. In early June we signed a contract to purchase the home and in mid June placed our home in Cottonwoods Crossing on the market at a price higher than any other home of comparable size had sold for in the area in the last year. By June 30th we had received two full price offers and indeed, had we chosen, could have entertained a bidding war between the two interested parties.

We were given a difficult choice because both parties were completely qualified and more than eager. We chose the family whom we thought would best fit the fabric of the neighborhood.

Both realtors had been fully informed about the San Tan expansion project and in fact <u>we</u>, as responsible sellers, <u>personally</u> made it a point to explain to each potential buyer the height of the stacks, the size of the cooling towers and the <u>facts</u> concerning the emissions. We also pointed out the location of the San Tan freeway, the proposed Crossroads Center and the hospital facility. We had only one prospective buyer who was uneasy about development in the area, and that had to do with the San Tan freeway and the new hospital facility, not the SRP expansion project. Homes which have not sold in our community have not done so because of the upkeep of surrounding residences. This is a problem that will impact more home sales than a project which can only enhance the economic viability of the Town in which we all choose to live.

Sincerely,

Barbara Sheldon

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East Valley Partnership

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Re:

In the matter of the Application of Salt River Project to expand its Santan Generating Station, Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee Case Number 105

Dear Mr. Bullis,

On behalf of the East Valley Partnership, we are writing to express support for SRP's proposed expansion of its generation facilities in Gilbert at the Santan site. We are providing these comments under the provisions of A.R.S. § 40-360.05(B), and request that they be made a part of the record in this docket.

Our organization's purpose is to preserve and improve the quality of life in the East Valley. We understand that this expansion, and therefore our support, will be unpopular with many of the surrounding neighborhoods, but we believe that it is essential to maintaining the quality of life in the region. A review of the proposal, the facts and the alternatives leads us to believe that this is the best solution for the region.

SRP's proposal to add a generating station at its Santan site will serve all of us well in many ways. First, the additional generation for our community will preserve our ability to acquire low-cost, reliable power from SRP. Second, a guaranteed electricity supply will support our community's efforts to build our economic base by assuring businesses that power is available and affordable. Third, the plant will provide a boost to Gilbert's tax base and public school revenues.

We appreciate the Town of Gilbert's agreement with SRP, which ensures that the new facility is landscaped and otherwise improved to make it as compatible with its surroundings as possible.

We are confidant that SRP will build and maintain an environmentally responsible facility, and that SRP will abide by all air quality regulations.

Paul A. Bullis, Chairman August 17, 2000 Page Two

As you know, SRP's proposal is part of a larger plan by the utility that includes other new plants and transmission expansion to support the prosperous Phoenix area. We all benefit from the vibrant area economy, and it's doubtful if there's anyone who would like to see our economy suffer from a lack of electricity. We need only to look to California to see how devastating a lack of planning can be.

East Valley Partnership supports SRP's solid planning for our communities' futures.

Karen Wittmer, President EVP

Kevin Olson, President Elect EVP

Attachment: About East Valley Partnership (1)



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Dear Mr. Bullis:

The Gilbert Chamber of Commerce supports the SRP Generating Plant Expansion project in Gilbert and encourages state agencies involved in the plant siting permit process to approve construction. The basis of this support is the need for a reliable power source in the future for our businesses. Power outages and blackouts will be detrimental to our businesses and result in tens or hundreds of thousands of dollars in lost time and production.

We strongly recommend that SRP do everything within its control to make sure the offsets required be used here in Gilbert and Williams Gateway Airport. In addition, we encourage SRP to continue working with the residents and businesses surrounding the site to address their legitimate concerns.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, you may contact me at 480-507-8255 or Kathy Langdon, President/CEO of the Gilbert Chamber of Commerce, at 480-892-1103.

Sincerely,

Tony Hyland

Chairman of the Board

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Dear Mr. Bullis,

As Tribune news stories have documented, tremendous growth has pushed East Valley communities to the point where our combined electricity demands are rapidly outstripping available power supplies.

In 113 degree weather last month, SRP issued a plea for voluntary energy conservation as demands on its power system broke all-time records, pushing the utility's electric system close to physical limits.

Do we really need to suffer chronic power outages to prove wrong a small group of Gilbert residents who want to stop SRP from building a critically needed new power plant at its Santan Generating Station in the Town of Gilbert?

The opponents, calling themselves Citizens Opposed to San Tan (COST), say the new plant isn't needed, even as growth in Gilbert and other east Valley cities continues at 10 percent to 15 percent a year. And they flat out ignore news stories on electricity shortages around the nation and in California where outages this summer have cost tens of millions of dollars in economic losses.

Let SRP build its \$400 million Santan Expansion Project. The plant will burn natural gas, will be clean, quiet and, under an SRP agreement with the Town of Gilbert, surrounded by landscaping and other features to disguise its visual impacts.

The facility also will require SRP to pay some \$100 million in property taxes to local governments. These are good tax benefits. But even more, we need the power.

Sincerely,

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Re: Salt River Project Santan Generating Station, Number 105

Dear Mr. Bullis,

After attending a Public Education Open House hosted by SRP several weeks ago, I am convinced that SRP's plan to expand its Santan power plant is a much needed addition to the East Valley.

Coincidentally, shortly after I attended the open house, the news was filled with stories of places like Detroit and San Francisco where energy companies are having to conduct "rolling brownouts" (shutting off power in neighborhoods for a short amount of time) in order to avoid large-scale power outages.

Regrettably, we may face exactly that scenario because of a small vocal group that would have us believe the need for additional electricity does not exist.

Salt River Project hasn't built a new generation facility in the East Valley since the early 1970's. What if the East Valley's electric system can no longer meet intense summertime demands? After years of reliable service, perhaps we take for granted the benefits of a consistent and low-cost supply of electricity from SRP.

I urge everyone in the East Valley to look at the big picture and support SRP's efforts to expand its Santan Generation Facility. We need it if were going to have enough power for our homes, schools, businesses and industries.

Sincerely,

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Re: Salt River Project Santan Generating Station, Number 105

Dear Mr. Bullis,

Much has changed in Arizona since my family settled here more than a century ago. As more people follow us here, our explosive growth continues to challenge our Valley and those that provide us needed services.

So, I've been reading with interest the smattering of letters to the editor opposing SRP's proposed expansion of its longtime Santan Generating Station in Gilbert.

I recognize that power plants and transmission lines are on no one's top-ten list of having next door, but they are an increasing reality in a growing region such as ours.

From what I understand of SRP's Santan expansion proposal, they will use the latest and cleanest technology for their new facility. SRP will also clean up the old power plant to reduce its emissions. Additionally, they are promising aggressive visual and noise mitigation measures that will improve the Santan site. Santan's expansion will also bring more tax dollars to improve our schools and fund needed government services.

SRP's proposals for Santan seem reasonable and responsible to me. The growth of our Valley dictates the challenging need for more power. As a community, we must all share in these infrastructure challenges.

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The Salt River Project has been part of Arizona's history for almost as long as my family. They have a long and solid record of doing what's needed for the benefit of the whole community.

Sincerely, Walder

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In support of the SRP application to expand its Santan Generating Station, Power Plant and Re: Transmission Line Siting Committee Case Number 105

Dear Mr. Bullis:

While the Siting Committee deserves commendation for its August 14 action approving the Kyrene Expansion Project in south Tempe, additional approval of SRP's Santan Expansion Project in the Town of Gilbert will be necessary if East Valley communities are to have a reliable supply electricity.

As you know, the East Valley's population growth is among the fastest in the nation and, according to newspaper reports, already has challenged SRP's ability to supply electricity to its eastern service area. Without the Santan Project, Gilbert, Chandler, Mesa and other east Valley communities will be faced in coming summers with kinds of outages that have afflicted Californians. Such outages can be prevented if SRP is allowed to proceed with plans for expanding its Santan Generating Station.

As a longtime Valley resident with both family and business interests in the East Valley, I would urge the State Power Plant Siting Committee to approve SRP's plans for expanding the Santan Generating Station in Town of Gilbert. Aesthetic plans for the plant, together with required emission reductions and offsets, make it clear that the project would provide a safe, clean and effective way of meeting the East Valley's burgeoning energy needs.

Sincerely.

F. Rockne Arnett

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